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## Idaho Milk Production Up 4.9 Percent

Idaho milk production during December 2010 totaled 1.07 billion pounds, a 4.9 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 2.0 percent from November 2010, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. November 2010 milk production was revised to 1.05 billion pounds, down 5 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in December 2010 was 1,860 pounds, up 10 pounds from December 2009. The average number of milk cows during December was 574,000 head, up 24,000 from December 2009 and up 2,000 head from November 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 15.0 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from December 2009. November revised production at 14.4 billion pounds, was up 3.1 percent from November 2009. The November revision represented an increase of 8 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,794 pounds for December, 33 pounds above December 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.39 million head, 74,000 head more than December 2009, and 15,000 head more than November 2010.